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REMARKS

Applicants canceled claims 1-4, 9, 10, 13, 14, 20, 35-38, 43, 44, 47, 48, 50, 51, 58, 67, 78, 81-86, and 95-98. Claims 11, 12, 15, 16, 18, 19, 23-26, 45, 46, 49, 52-57, 59-66, 68-77, 79, 80, and 87-94 are presented for examination. The Examiner has indicated that these pending claims are allowed, so accordingly, the claims should be passed to allowance.

Prior to this Reply, a number of claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b, and/or under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). In one rejection, the Examiner queried whether a ratio recited in the claims referred to a molar ratio or a weight ratio. The claimed ratio was a molar ratio. Applicants' undersigned representative erred in a previous Reply in saying that the ratio was a weight ratio; rather, the weight ratio applied to the concentration of materials that make up a composition. One skilled in the art would understand that the claimed ratio was a molar ratio. Additionally, information regarding the ratio can be ascertained from the suppliers listed in the specification. Regardless, Applicants have canceled the rejected claims, which renders this query moot.

In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants believe the claims are in condition for allowance, which action is requested.

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Enclosed is a Petition for Extension of Time with the required fee. Please apply any other charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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